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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were higher on all weights. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand into all outlets was in a full range of light to good. Supplies were adequate to available, occasionally close for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate to instances good demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for slaughter requirements.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, the larger sizes were unchanged to 7 cents higher and mediums were unchanged to 2.5 cents higher; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 6 cents higher for extra large, unchanged to 7 cents higher for large, and unchanged to 1 cent higher on mediums when based on previous week average pricing. The market tone was generally steady with some caution noted. Demand was moderate to instances good, best where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for slaughter schedules.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were sharply higher for the larger sizes and 3 cents higher for medium. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand ranged light to fairly good, usually moderate. Food service movement was good. Supplies were usually adequate to available. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings of heavy nest runs mixed with lighter weights fully adequate for needs. Demand moderate to instances good. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to instances good, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate to closely balanced with larger size eggs in the best position.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were generally higher on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were in progress for this week. Supplies were usually adequate for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending July 27, 2001 was 62.39 cents which was 7.99 cents more than a week ago, but 0.88 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient to ample for current slaughter requirements.

WESTERN The market tone was firm. Asking prices for this week in California 8 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, 5 cents higher on smaller sizes; in the Northwest 9 cents higher on jumbo, 8 cents higher on extra large and large, 5 cents higher on medium. Pacific region inventory decreased 5 percent compared to last week's level with California down 5 percent and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 6 percent. Retailer demand moderate to good, best for planned features. Offerings were generally adequate.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was cautiously steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged moderate to occasionally good, best where retail items were featured. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA		
NORTHEAST CITIES	LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	103-105	91-93	60-62
New York	69-71	66-69	43-46
Philadelphia	65-69	63-67	41.5-43
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	64-65	62.5-64	35-36
Jackson (1)	74-75	71-72	44-45
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-85	69-83	40-54
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	61-66	60-65	35-40
Detroit (2)	58-61	57-60	31-34
Major Ohio Cities (2)	59-66	58-64	32-38
Major Wisconsin Cities	62-69	60-67	35-42

WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	80-82	77-79	48-50
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	99	91	68
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA The market tone was firm with prices 8 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, 5 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was down 5 percent. Retailer demand good to cover planned feature activities. Offerings adequate for current needs. Small invoice price 48.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE		
JUMBO	112		
EXTRA LARGE	99		
LARGE	91		
MEDIUM	68		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE
JUMBO	239-289	JUMBO	249-279
EXTRA LARGE	229-269	EXTRA LARGE	215-259
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	197-245
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	175-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 03, 2001 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 27, 2001 were 267,551 cases which was 10 percent above the prior week and 12 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	228,794	38,757	267,551
% change from the prior week.....	+14	-11	+10

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Offerings of heavy nest runs mixed with lighter weights fully adequate for needs. Demand moderate to instances good demand. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	29-31	29-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-17	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand for spent heavy hens was moderate with offerings fully adequate for needs. Schedules were normal with finished sales fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-JUL-01

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.25-11	8-9	8.58

WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Canner supplies were sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-JUL-01

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.5-10.5	8-9	8.35
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM July 30, 2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.7	17.0	4.5	11.3	9.3 50.8
	Change	0.1	2.0	-0.4	1.3	-2.7 1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.5	31.5	12.0	19.7	22.0 110.7
	Change	-1.5	-3.3	-0.7	1.1	1.9 -2%
Large	Curr Wk	38.6	92.1	66.3	74.5	67.5 339.0
	Change	4.8	5.8	6.5	6.0	-2.7 6%
Medium	Curr Wk	19.2	41.6	25.9	24.7	27.2 138.6
	Change	4.4	1.5	2.9	-2.5	-1.0 4%
Small	Curr Wk	9.0	11.0	4.5	9.7	6.8 41.0
	Change	0.9	3.1	1.1	-0.1	0.2 15%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	21.8	8.6	11.5	4.1 50.5
	Change	-0.4	2.4	-1.2	-1.6	-0.7 -3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	25.4	57.4	27.1	25.4	22.2 157.5
	Change	5.3	-5.0	5.7	6.2	-4.0 5%
Total	Curr Wk	130.9	272.4	148.9	176.8	159.1 888.1
Percent	Change	12%	2%	10%	6%	-5% 4%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	888.1	4%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	287.1	-7%	38

Total Shell Egg 1175.2 1% 210
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO	5-AREA
NORTHEAST	CENT	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC SUMMARY
117.3	265.9	135.0	166.4	168.1 852.7

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 16, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	178.8	175.8	166.7	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JULY 16, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	139	139	129	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 27, 2001**CURRENT LOADS** 12.00**FUTURE LOADS** 14.00**TOTAL LOADS** 26.00

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	40.00	42.00	40.50	42.00	—	—	8.00		GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	—	—	52.50	47.88	—	5.00		GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	58.50	2.00	
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	49.00	—	5.00		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	58.50	2.00	
GL W SM	—	—	19.00	20.50	—	—	1.00		GL W MD	24.00	—	—	—	—	32.00	2.00	
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00										
NRBS - 45	—	—	21.00	24.00	—	—	1.00										

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/23/01-07/27/01**CURRENT LOADS** 93.75**FUTURE LOADS** 78.00**TOTAL LOADS** 171.75

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	39.86	42.20	39.38	40.83	42.88	40.00	55.00		GNR W 1	—	50.00	—	—	—	—	17.00	
GNR W 2	—	—	36.50	38.00	33.25	33.00	3.00		GNR W 2	—	39.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR BR 1	—	—	32.25	33.50	—	—	3.00		GL W J	—	—	—	—	63.86	68.43	1.75	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	76.50	2.00		GL W XL	—	54.78	—	—	—	60.00	6.25	
GL W XL	—	56.50	46.88	50.00	48.89	53.00	19.75		GL W LG	—	55.25	—	62.00	—	59.17	16.50	
GL W LG	—	56.50	44.00	46.00	49.84	53.00	29.25		GL W MD	23.19	—	—	—	—	31.13	8.75	
GL W MD	24.00	25.50	21.50	27.26	24.83	27.67	14.25		GL W SM	17.00	—	—	—	—	—	.75	
GL W SM	—	—	19.00	21.40	15.00	17.00	5.75		NRBS - 39	23.00	24.50	—	—	—	—	2.00	
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	32.50	34.00	3.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	30.00	30.94	24.00										
NRBS - 45	—	—	21.00	24.00	27.50	30.50	2.00										
NRBS - 39	21.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00										
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	18.00	21.00	1.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 07/08/01 - 07/15/01

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern, CA	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	Total State
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UNAVAILABLE

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
125-128	84-87	72-75	41-44	17-20

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
66-69	57-63	55-60	29-34	21-25

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
38-41	13-15	7-10

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
78.50	76.19	50.57	40.51

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	07/23/01	07/16/01	07/24/00
PACIFIC COAST	335	254	784
LOS ANGELES	0	200	707

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 07/15/01-07/21/01
 30-dozen cases 5,603
 Receipts from the mainland: 07/8/01-07/14/01
 30-dozen cases 5,785

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